

# INTERFERENCE INITIAL MEMORANDUM

Count # 1

**To the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences:**

An interference is proposed involving the following 2 parties

PARTY Boucher, et al.	APPLICATION NO. 09/692,561	FILING DATE 18 October 2000	PATENT NO., IF ANY	ISSUE DATE, IF ANY
If the involved case is a patent, have its maintenance fees been paid? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not due yet				
Proposed priority benefit (list all intervening applications necessary for continuity):				
COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	PATENT NO., IF ANY	ISSUE DATE, IF ANY
US	09/067,544	27 April 1998	6,226,680	01 May 2001
US	60061809	14 October 1997		
The claim(s) of this party corresponding to this count:				
PATENTED OR PATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS 41-43,48 and 49			UNPATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS	
The claim(s) of this party NOT corresponding to this count:				
PATENTED OR PATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS 44-47			UNPATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS	
PARTY Connery, et al.	APPLICATION NO. 09/071,692	FILING DATE 01 May 1998	PATENT NO., IF ANY 6,246,683	ISSUE DATE, IF ANY 12 June 2001
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The claim(s) of this party corresponding to this count:				
PATENTED OR PATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS 1-3,8 and 9			UNPATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS	
The claim(s) of this party NOT corresponding to this count:				
PATENTED OR PATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS 4-7 and 10-20			UNPATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS	
<i>(Check off each step, if applicable)</i> <b>INSTRUCTIONS</b>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. Obtain all files listed above. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. Confirm that the proposed involved claims are still active and all corrections and entered amendments have been considered. The patents must not be expired for, among other things, failure to pay a maintenance fee (Check PALM screen 2970). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. If one of the involved files is a published application or a patent, check for compliance with 35 U.S.C. 135(b). <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Obtain a certified copy of any foreign benefit documents where necessary (37 CFR 1.55(a)). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5. Discuss the proposed interference with an Interference Practice Specialist in your Technology Center.				
DATE 08 September 2010	PRIMARY EXAMINER (Signature) /Moustafa M Meky/		ART UNIT 2457	TELEPHONE NO. 571-272-4005
DATE	INTERFERENCE PRACTICE SPECIALIST or TECHNOLOGY CENTER DIRECTOR (signature) /Daniel Ryman/			TELEPHONE NO.

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The claim(s) of this party NOT corresponding to this count:				
PATENTED OR PATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS 41-43 and 45-49			UNPATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS	
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The claim(s) of this party corresponding to this count:				
PATENTED OR PATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS 4			UNPATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS	
The claim(s) of this party NOT corresponding to this count:				
PATENTED OR PATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS 1-3 and 5-20			UNPATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS	
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The claim(s) of this party corresponding to this count:				
PATENTED OR PATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS 5-7			UNPATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS	
The claim(s) of this party NOT corresponding to this count:				
PATENTED OR PATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS 1-4 and 8-20			UNPATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS	
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The examiner notes that the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 135(b) have been met by filling a preliminary amendment on 6/12/2002. This filing was lost, however, it was resubmitted on 6/19/2008.

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